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CHURCH NEWS

VIRGINIA.

Union Theological Seminary: Last Sunday Rev. Dr. William Crowe, pastor of the Westminster church, St. Louis, Mo., preached the Baccalaureate sermon at the Seminary in the morning, and in the evening Rev. Dr. Samuel M. Glasgow, pastor of the First church, Knoxville, Tenn., made the address before the Society of Missionary Inquiry. We go to press before the remaining exercises of the commencement are held. A fuller report, therefore, can only be given next week. For the same reason we cannot report the commencement of the Assembly's Training School in this issue.

Richmond, First, Dr. F. T. McFaden, pastor: At a congregational meeting held on May 1st, B. P. Alsop, John S. Harvie, B. Miller McCue, Judge William A. Moncure and R. H. Norment were elected elders and were ordained and installed last Sunday. The reports for the year are the best in the history of the church. Sixty-seven have been received into the membership, which is now about 700. Contributions amounted to \$37,503, of which \$19,191 were for the benevolent causes. The large amount for its own expenses was due to the purchase of building next to the church for an annex to the Sunday school. The Woman's Auxiliary had set a goal of \$7,000. It raised \$7,191.

Pocahontas: Pocahontas has suffered greatly in the last few years from loss by removals, so that only twelve members remain on the ground, but these twelve have subscribed to the Million-Dollar Endowment Campaign \$900, or \$75 per member, a mark for the smaller churches to try for. One member was recently received on profession, and others are expected soon. The outlook is encouraging.

A. S. Rachal, Pastor.

Charlottesville: The annual receipts of the Charlottesville church show: Members received, 91; by profession, 31; by certificate, 60; resident members, 610; non-resident members, 98. Total membership, 708. Contributions to benevolence, \$10,331; to current expenses, \$7,305. Total, \$17,636.

Barber: Sinking Spring church has not yet called a pastor, a matter which they are going about with great care. The return of spring has enabled them to resume all the usual work of the

field, such as regular appointments, collections, etc., with four Sunday schools and larger enrollments than ever before. Our young church officers, recently elected and installed, are active and enthusiastic in the work. Putting responsibility upon them is working out wonderfully. The elders assume responsibility for the regular appointments and preaching. Meanwhile the search continues for the kind of pastor that we wish and expect to find.

B. C. Moomaw.

Staunton: The Second church has recently received forty-seven members, the result of special services held as a part of a simultaneous campaign conducted by twelve churches of various denominations. This church gave during the past year \$6,261 for current expenses and \$8,777 for benevolences.

ALABAMA.

Montgomery, Trinity: During the last of April Dr. Charles H. Pratt held services for a week at Millbrook, Ala., that church there being a branch of Trinity. The greatest blessing attended these services, and deep interest was manifested by the whole community. Over forty accepted Christ, and put their membership with us, while a number joined churches of other denominations.

Montgomery is just now deeply interested in the coming of Bob Jones, evangelist, who will conduct a revival service beginning May 22d and continuing for a month. A great blessing is expected for the entire city from these services.

Greensboro: On the evening of April 27th Rev. D. S. Hotchkiss was installed as pastor of the Greensboro and Newbern churches by a commission of Tuscaloosa Presbytery. Rev. A. G. Irons, of Tuscaloosa, presided and charged the pastor, Rev. W. B. Clemmons, of Marion, preached and charged the people; Ruling Elders L. W. Jay, of Greensboro church, and A. S. Douglas and B. L. Allen, of Newbern church, completed the commission.

Marion: On Sunday, May 1st, Rev. Joseph Dunglison, D. D., pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Selma, preached the baccalaureate sermon for Marion Military Institute. This school is a preparatory school for boys and is not under Church control of any kind, but the Presbyterian church of Marion has been fortunate during the past session in having a large number of cadets to attend its services.

Selma: Sunday evening, May 1st, Rev. George W. Cheek was installed pastor of the Alabama Avenue church by a commission of Tuscaloosa Presbytery. Rev. Joseph Dunglison, D. D., of Selma First church, presided and preached the sermon; Rev. W. B. Clemmons, of Marion, charged the pastor, and Rev. G. Hunter Norwood, of Marion Junction, charged the people. The outlook in this important field is very promising since the coming of this energetic minister to be the pastor.

ARKANSAS.

Batesville: The Baccalaureate sermon at Arkansas College will be preached Sabbath, May 29th, by Rev. W. R. Anderson, pastor of First Presbyterian church of Hope, Ark. Rev. James I. Paisley, an alumnus of the college and pastor of the church at Dardanelle, will preach the sermon before the Y. M. C. A. the evening of the same Sabbath. Wednesday, June 1st, at 10 A. M., the graduating exercises will take place. Dr. A. G. Jones, a distinguished alumnus of the institution, of San Antonio, Tex., will

make the Baccalaureate address.

Helena: The Sunday school is overflowing, and now a temporary building is to be erected. Later a new church is to be built.

Pine Bluff: Rev. George Sheffer has just visited Pine Bluff and gave us much help in our Sunday school work. He has some very good suggestions to help make things go.

Batesville: Mrs. W. C. Winsborough and Rev. S. M. Erickson have just recently visited the college here. A number of boys are thinking of the ministry as a life work.

Little Rock, Second: The record of our church for the past year, April 1, 1920-April 1, 1921, seems to be a pretty good one. We received 143 new members, which is the second largest number we have ever received in a year. The pastor baptized fifty-nine persons, which is the record number for a year. The total amount of money raised by the church during the year was \$17,800, an increase of several thousand dollars over last year. The Sunday school had an increase in numbers and a very marked increase in contributions. It is now well organized and in good condition. The most distinctive thing in the past year's work has been the launching of the Auxiliary, a form of organization new and untried. That it has proved a conspicuous success few, if any, members of the church would now deny. We seem to begin the new church year under unusually promising conditions.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Washington: The Central church, of which Rev. Dr. J. H. Taylor is pastor, is rejoicing in having paid off the last of the debt on its building. In 1914 this congregation erected its present handsome house of worship and had left a debt of \$30,000. This has been gradually reduced, and during the past year the last \$7,000 was paid off. In addition to this, the church gave \$10,781 to current expenses and \$17,488 to benevolences. They gave to thirty-seven different objects, the largest amount, \$5,212, being given to Foreign Missions. The membership of the church is 624, and under the able leadership of its pastor and officers it is doing a fine work in preaching the pure gospel as it is held by the Southern Presbyterian church. Dr. Taylor is a strong preacher and he is heard gladly by many visitors to the capital city.

FLORIDA.

St. Petersburg: At the morning service May 1st the pastor announced that Mrs. Robert M. Davidson and daughter, Miss Clara, had offered \$20,000 for a Sunday school building, provided the congregation will raise an equal amount. This is greatly needed, as the school now meets in the main auditorium, and after the opening exercises the classes are distributed about the auditorium, the gallery and the basement, the latter being overcrowded. To purchase a lot, erect such a building, make changes in the church edifice to provide additional seats for the overflowing winter congregations, and to improve the manse or purchase a new one, will require the congregation to raise about \$35,000. The husband and father of these generous donors, now deceased, was for many years a winter resident here, and a tourist (associate) member of the church. He liberally assisted in building the present church, and was greatly interested in the welfare of the organization. His daughter is a teacher in Smith College, Massachusetts, and having specialized in Sunday school buildings, she will come here to di-

rect the construction of this building in which her ideas will be carried out. At the same service an additional collection was taken up for the Chinese famine sufferers, which, with the cash contributions and pledges will amount to at least \$500.

E. J. Young.

Dunedin Church: Thursday, April 28th, was a day of no small interest to the Presbyterians of Dunedin. This day marked the fiftieth milestone of the organization of the Presbyterian church of this place. The very interesting celebration of this semi-centennial attracted not only the notice and presence of the members of this church, but of a large representative assembly of the whole community. The pastor, Dr. William B. Y. Wilkie, gave a very interesting sketch of the history of the church. A note worthy of mention is the fact that the Presbyterian church was the first church to be organized in this town and community. Usually the Methodists and Baptists, the pioneers, are the first to occupy new territory. Here the Presbyterian was the only church for many years. This church, as everything good in this world, has struggled up to its present strength and status. The first pastor or supply was called on a salary of \$300. The present pastor is provided with a comfortable manse and a salary of \$1,800. Many interesting reminiscences were given. It was a surprise to find that the near centenarian, Rev. Angus Johnson, served this church for several years. It will be remembered by many that this aged servant of God died in Texas just a few months before celebrating his one hundredth anniversary. Dr. Wilkie has been pastor of this church for twenty-two years, and has been in the active ministry fifty-one years. And although he has passed his seventy-fifth milestone, "his bow abides in strength." Dr. Wilkie is greatly esteemed and beloved by his people and community, and his estimable wife is held in no less regard. His influence is not confined to his community, and not even to his Presbytery, but is State-wide. Revs. W. J. Garrison, of St. Petersburg; J. C. Tims, of Tampa, and D. A. Dunseith and E. E. Bigger, of Clearwater, brought cordial greetings and congratulations. The program closed with the serving of the most delicious and bountiful refreshments by the ladies of the church. Long live Dr. Wilkie and his good people.

E. E. Bigger.

GEORGIA.

Savannah: With more than 1,000 church members attending, the one hundred and seventeenth anniversary of the Sabbath school of the Independent Presbyterian church was celebrated last night.

The keynote of the occasion was struck by Rev. Dr. Neal L. Anderson, pastor of the church, who characterized the school as the principal adjunct of the church, and declared the Sabbath school of the Independent Presbyterian church one of the oldest of its kind in the United States, indeed, in the world.

The room was bedecked with an abundance of flowers and this heightened the effect of the historic memorial. The ceremonials added to the splendor of the evening, and some of the oldest members of the church decorated the celebration one of the best ever held in the church.

One of the features of the evening was the Victory March. More than 500 members of the church participated in this ceremonial. The pro-